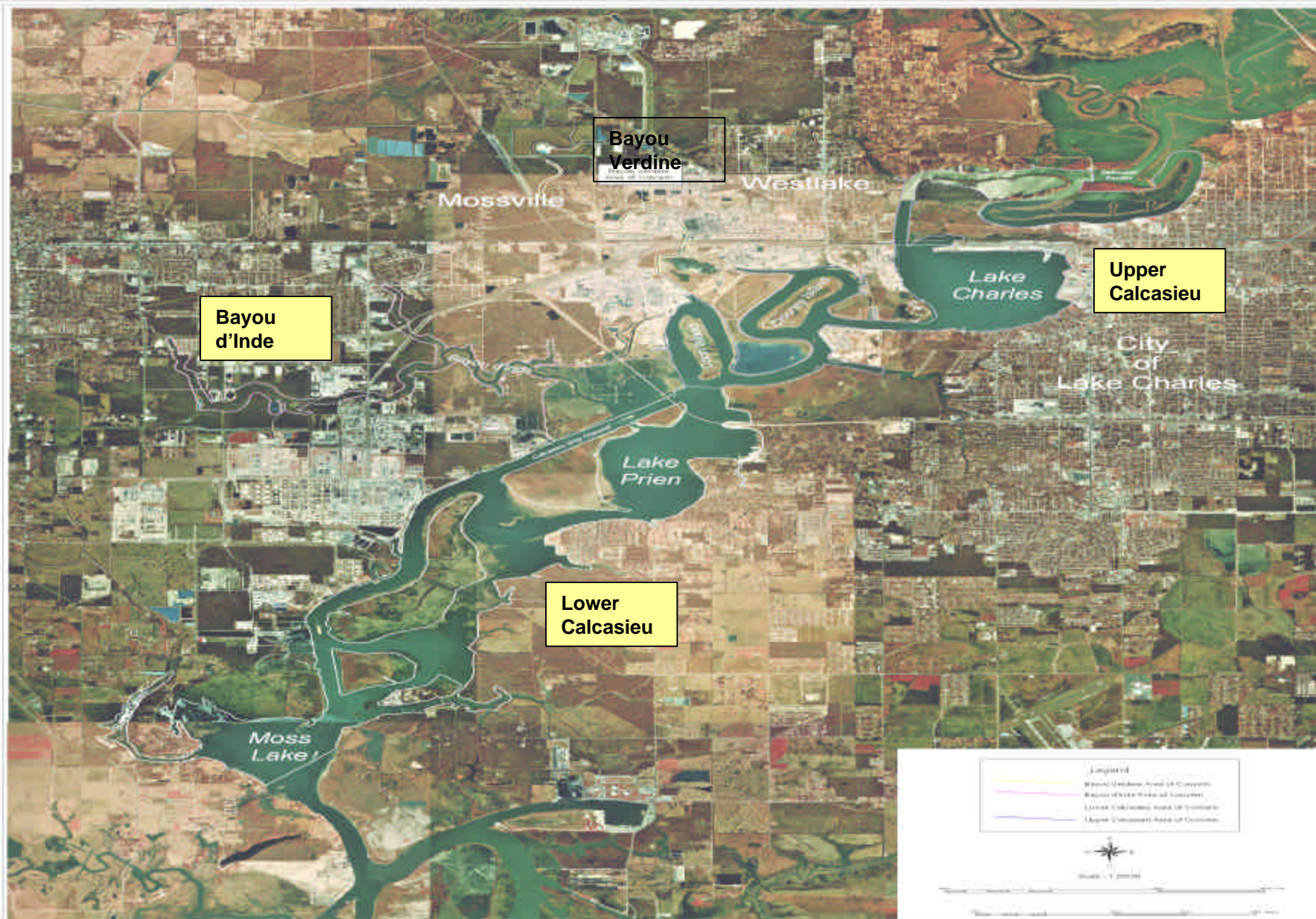


# Calcasieu Estuary Community Involvement







# Community Concerns

## Citizen Issues

- Fishing advisories
- Dioxin exposure





# Community Concerns

## Local Govt Issues

- Superfund Stigma
- Economic Impact

## Industry Issues

- Cost
- Corporate Responsibility



# EPA Approach to Estuary Study

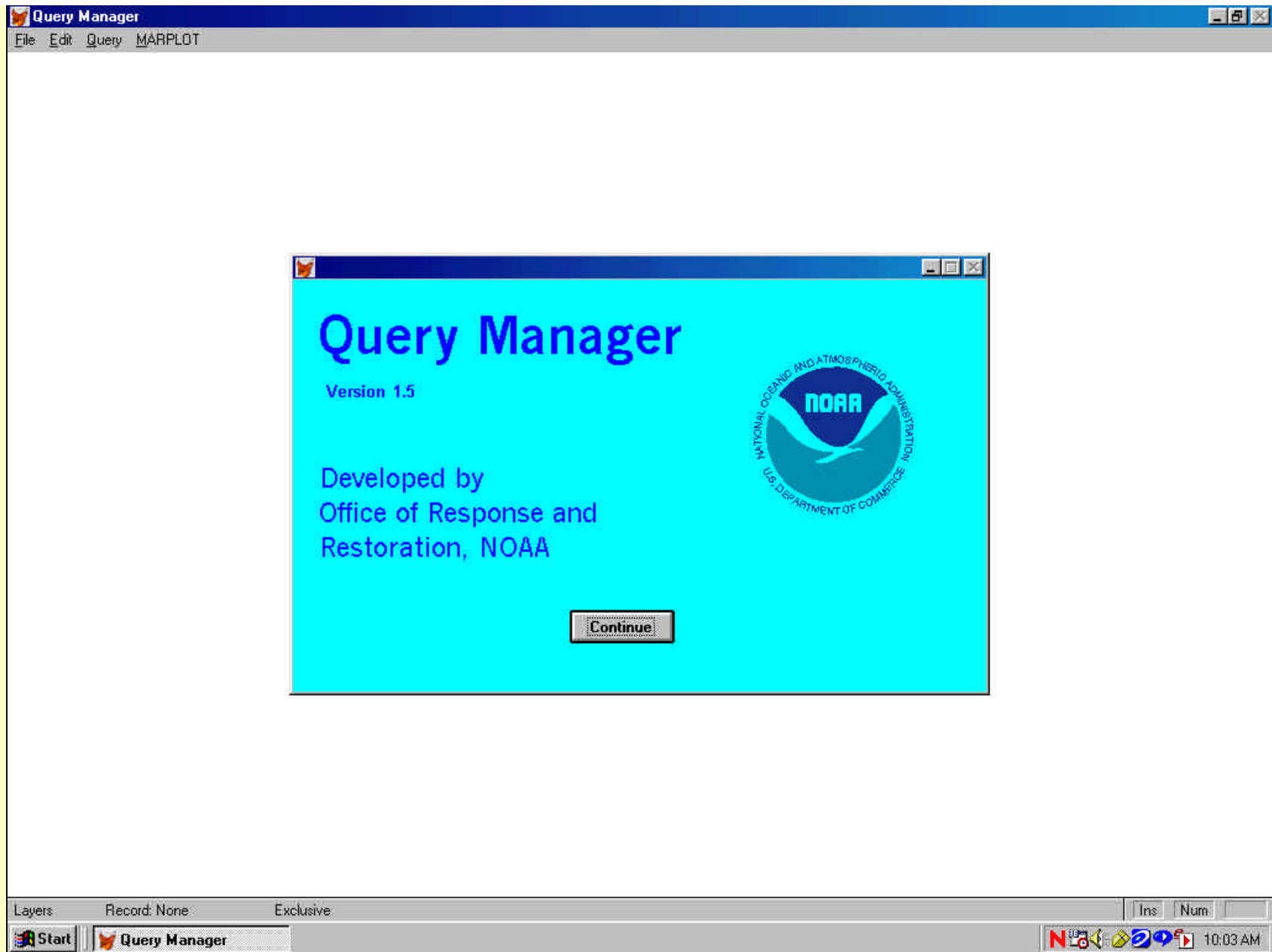
- EPA supported formation of community advisory group led by local government
- Citizen outreach efforts to inform/educate
- EPA continued working relationship with local plant personnel

# Local Govt Task Force

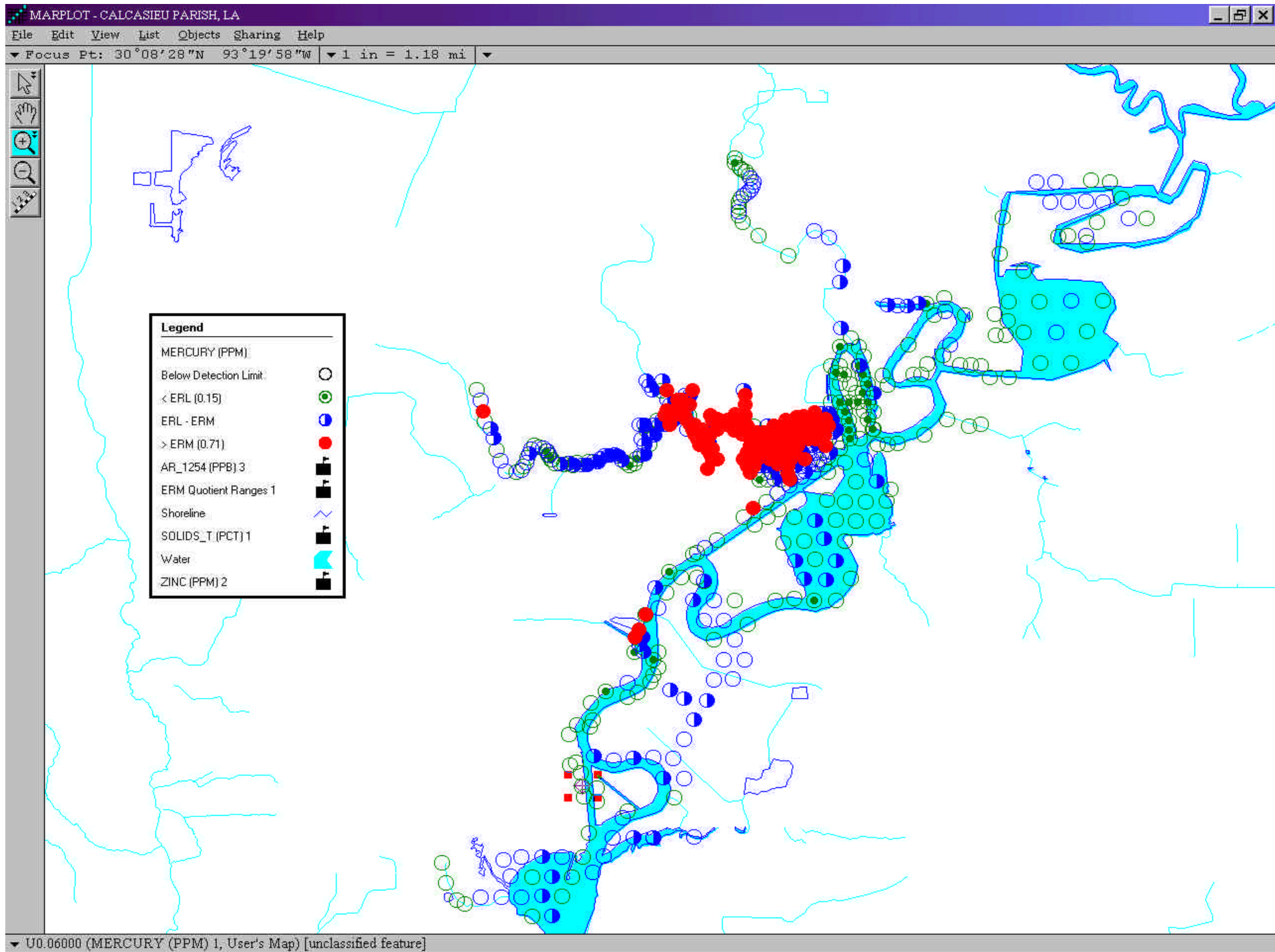
- Advantages
  - Strong presence of local leaders - government, university and business
  - Inclusion of plant managers
  - Citizen representatives are well respected
  - High profile receives media attention

# GRAND OPENING

- Web Site [www.epa.gov/region6/calcasieu](http://www.epa.gov/region6/calcasieu)
- Outreach office
- Workshops







# Industry Participation

- Conoco – complete characterization of Bayou Verdine
- PPG – Implemented EPA workplan for collection of biota and sediment (900 samples)
- Olin – Collected/analyzed sediment near their facility (50 samples)
- Informal data collection/analysis agreements





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